Music development plan summary:

Dixons Sixth Form Academy - Bradford

This document is designed to give a summary of the high-quality music provision at this academy in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, considering the key features in the national plan for music education:

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for Key Stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 - 27
Date this summary was published	October 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2027
Name of the school music lead	Megan Price
Name of academy leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Bradford Music & Arts Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Dixons Academies Trust - Director of Music, Tamsin Rafnsson

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our students across three areas - curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences - and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help students and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our students music education.

Part A: curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that students can achieve.

- We follow the AQA specification for A Level music (we only offer post 16 study).

Part B: co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for students to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how students can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

- We offer free weekly 45-minute 1-1 instrument tuition for all students studying A Level music and then to some students who engage in musical activities but do not study A Level.
- We offer the opportunity for students to join a band and perform in small groups or solos at our college events.

Part C: musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

- We have three whole college events a year that feature performances from students and from professional musicians and dancers such as Punjabi roots.
- These are for all students to attend and are charged to students that do not receive a bursary, but performers attend for free.
- We also take students on an annual trip to the West End to see a musical, this is open to music students and non-music students.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

- We will continue to grow the music department and try and engage as many students in music and A Level music as possible.
- We will continue to engage with our feeder schools and to recruit talent onto the A Level music course.